

# *Green Light*

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# Railroad's Future Competition

Since World War II, the air cargo business has grown at an explosive pace, and it is increasing steadily. Up to now, this has been limited only by the cargo-carrying capacity of aircraft.

So, railroads do have plenty of competition. On land by trucks, on waterways by barges, underground by pipelines, and now the huge cargo-liners are making inroads on the freight hauling traffic.

Railroaders may ask: "So what?" Methods of transportation are changing drastically and at a very rapid pace. In order to meet the competition it would seem to be the responsibility of each railroader to work together as a team in meeting the competition head-on.

The huge C-5 Galaxy, the world's largest aircraft, which recently took to the air on its maiden flight, can handle up to 130-ton payloads of men and materials for the U. S. Air Force Military Air Lift Command.

Engineers say there is no theoretical limit to the size of airplanes. If the bigger planes prove as economical as forecast, if the upswing in air travel continues, the future may hold even bigger monsters of the air. Already in development is the C-5's commercial version.

The commercial version, according to Lockheed-Georgia Company, the C-5's builder, will haul enormous cargoes. The giant Lockheed 500 can be flying scheduled freight by 1972 and would be able to hold 97 Volkswagens or 6½ million shrimp or 600,000 newspapers or 300,000 pounds of processed meat. This could affect present freight rates.

The steady growth of domestic air cargo is indicated in the latest report of the Air Transport Association. Domestic air cargo carried by U. S. scheduled airlines increased 21.9 per cent during the first half of 1968, ATA reports.

The 11 trunk, 10 local and 3 all-cargo carriers moved over one-billion revenue ton-miles of air freight during the six-month period, compared with nearly 884 million ton-miles during the same period last year.

Federal Subsidies, of course help airlines just as they do other railroad competitors using highway or waterway transportation facilities paid for with taxpayers' money.

Airlines are flying high in making steady progress in hauling freight by air and it will continue to increase with the help, of course, of taxpayers' money.

## Books Are Wanted

### Looking for railroad material?

Many people who desire railroad historical information check with their libraries. This has posed a problem with the Mesa County Library at Grand Junction.

The railroad information contained at the library is usually non-existent, difficult to locate, or in obscure, priceless old documents that can't be taken from the library. Railroad and railroad history interests are rather limited as is the budget of the library.

Gen. Erskine, wife of Jerry Erskine, Rio Grande's ticket clerk at Grand Junction, and Hazel Henderson, wife of William Henderson, retired Rio Grande employee, heard of the library's plight, decided to get busy and help out in locating artifacts concerning railroad history particularly in southwest Colorado. They would be pleased to accept books, pamphlets, timetables or any other material which would add to the library collection regarding railroad history.

A special bookplate using Rio Grande's famous Montezuma engine as a symbol will be placed in each article received with the donor's name. Those desiring to send money towards the purchase of railroad books may do so.

Mrs. Henderson is located at 617 Gunnison Ave. and Mrs. Erskine at 1528 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, Colo., 81501.

# Rio Grande's Man In Washington



JOSEPH L. HENNING, district manager, Washington, D. C., has a way of ferreting out the seemingly impossible tasks of information on procurements, routing and awards in the labyrinth that is our Nation's capital. With over 42 years of service on the Rio Grande, Joe is the "dean" of rail and highway representatives in Washington, having spent the past 26 years there. He is a real business getter for the Rio Grande.

## Credit Union "Notes"

Two Rio Grande Credit Unions make news this month.

The Denver Rio Grande Credit Union has been authorized by the Banking Commission to allow all employees of the Rio Grande Railroad and their subsidiaries, regardless of location, to join.

This will allow employees to take advantage of the life insurance clause on savings by belonging to more than one credit union.

They paid a 5% dividend on share in 1967. Their interest rate on loans is ¾ of 1 percent per month on the unpaid balance.

Their address:

Denver Rio Grande Credit Union  
1531 Stout Street  
Room B-3  
Denver, Colo. 80202

The Rio Grande Operating Credit Union has been required to move from their present quarters. They are now located in new quarters.

Please address all correspondence to:

Rio Grande Operating Credit Union  
421 Symes Bldg.  
820 16th Street  
Denver, Colo. 80202

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## Cover Photo

GP 40's on the ready track at North Yard in the wee hours of the morning will soon be on the head end of train No. 87 and will arrive at Salt Lake that evening.

# Holding Company Is Rio Grande's Future Plan

Preliminary plans for the formation of a holding company for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company were announced by G. B. Aydelott, president. The new company was authorized by the Board of Directors at its monthly meeting Sept. 23.

"The purpose of setting up a holding company is to provide a vehicle for diversification into other areas of business activity, while continuing to maintain a position of the Rio Grande as a strong major railroad," Aydelott said.

In describing the plan Aydelott said, "The present Rio Grande shareholders would be offered

an opportunity to exchange their common stock or other securities in the new holding company on a basis to be determined later.

"When this arrangement is consummated the Rio Grande Railroad will be a subsidiary of the holding company, as will such other enterprises as may be acquired. While an over-all program for diversification is being developed, no specific acquisition is being currently considered," he added.

Aydelott emphasized that no offer to exchange shares is being made at this time, but will be made in a prospectus to be issued later in accordance with S.E.C. regulations.

## Silverton Sets An All-Time Record



THE SILVERTON TRAIN is shown on the "High Line" on its return to Durango from Silverton.

The narrow gauge Silverton train made its last trip of the 1968 season Oct. 6 into the high Colorado Rockies after having set an all-time record for number of passengers handled.

The count for the season was 90,724, according to Frank E. Long, Rio Grande's passenger manager. This is an increase of 7,781 over the previous record set in 1967. The largest increase occurred between June 1 to 20 and the post Labor Day. There were five more days of operation this year combined with the beautiful Colorado autumn weather. Most important was

the fact the vacationers were in the area to ride the train, indicating their interest in Rio Grande's Silverton Train.

The steam-powered Silverton, an authentic relic of the 1890's, makes the 90-mile round trip from Durango to Silverton daily from June 1 through Oct. 6. Two sections were run from mid-June until Labor Day.

The largest one-day count for the 1968 season was 1,084 recorded on Aug. 15. More than 1,000 passengers were handled on 26 separate days in July and August. This number was reached on only 11 days in the 1967 season.

"There will be no change contemplated in the operation next year," Long said.

### Provo Vets

The Annual Thanksgiving pot luck dinner will be held Friday, November 15 at the Provo University Bldg. at 6:30 P.M.

The club will furnish turkey, rolls and coffee. Members will furnish all the trimmings.

Everyone come and have a thankful get together.

## Nine Requisites for Contented Living

**HEALTH** enough to make all work a pleasure.

**WEALTH** enough to support your needs.

**STRENGTH** to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

**GRACE** enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

**PATIENCE** enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

**CHARITY** enough to see some good in your neighbor.

**LOVE** enough to move you to be useful and helpful.

**FAITH** enough to make real the things of God.

**HOPE** enough to remove all anxious fears of the future.

### It's Eye Appeal!

It takes eye appeal to attract and let prospective customers know of the services offered by the Rio Grande, the Action Road.

This issue of the Green Light contains a center lift out advertisement that will be used in national magazines and newspapers by Rio Grande's Advertising Manager Ed Roe.

The ad, while being self-explanatory, indicates the value of Rio Grande's computer service and information for shippers.

It is placed in the Green Light to keep employees informed as to what the Rio Grande is doing to attract customers.

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**WHAT A GREAT SHAPE  
THESE SHIPMENTS ARE IN**

**CAREFUL  
HANDLING  
DOES IT  
EVERY  
TIME**



**Make Shippers Aware  
That Railroaders Care**

# Let's Get Acquainted With the Rio Grande

## (Part VI)

The Green Light continues observing employees in the Salt Lake area at the various locations. This month the camera is peering in at the Salt Lake Freight Office and some of the activities at Roper Yard Office.



**E. B. MITCHELL**, district freight claim agent, has handled Rio Grande's claim accounts in the Salt Lake area for a number of years.



**A PARTIAL VIEW** of the freight office with **H. O. Hunger**, passing clerk, foreground; **Ed Cone**, now retired, and **Bernice Roberts**, clerk.



**LYLE BLAINE**, left, assumed the duties as cashier when Cone retired. With Blaine is **Dick Gill**, revising clerk.

The Freight Office is located near the downtown area of Salt Lake on Rio Grande's tracks. The offices of the agent, district freight claim agent, cashier and clerks are located here. There are unloading facilities for industries located in the downtown area. Commodities moving in and out of the Salt Lake area are handled through this office.



**LILLIAN LEDINGHAM** does clerical work in the freight office.



**CHECKING OUT** the contents of the freight cars are **Lee Kidder**, stower, left, and **Jack Coulson**, clerk.



**J. T. JENKINS**, AGENT, is well known in the Salt Lake region and has expedited Rio Grande's freight business since his appointment there in 1956.



**JOSEPHINE SMITH**, once known as "Roper Jo." is a general clerk at the freight office.



**LEFT TO RIGHT** on the freight dock is **Ed McNamara**, foreman, **Jack Cowley**, **Melvin Morris**, stowers, and **Keith Mason**, towmotor operator.



LEE MASON is shown above with a towmotor used in unloading freight cars.

### Roper Yard Office

The Roper Yard Office, which is separated from the Division Office by several tracks, is the hub of activity for the operations of Rio Grande trains in their makeup, crew assignments, car accounting and other various activities connected with yard office functions.



DOUGLAS STODDARD, chief clerk, left, John Barrow, Orlene Stoddard and H. D. Trimble, clerks, are working in the Roper yard office.



HAROLD BULLOCK is assistant chief clerk at Roper.

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT of unloading a box car are R. L. Allen, check clerk, on the left, Charles Aiello and Fletcher Gilmore, stowers.



CHARLES RYBA, stower, poses for the Green Light in one of the box cars.



LEOLA DANIELS, clerk, is shown with the "lazy susan" used for car records.



ESTELLE WILLIAMS and Richard Fedel are interchange clerks.



JOE AIELLO, assistant chief clerk, left, is shown with Wayne Brimhall and Darrell Keddington, clerks.



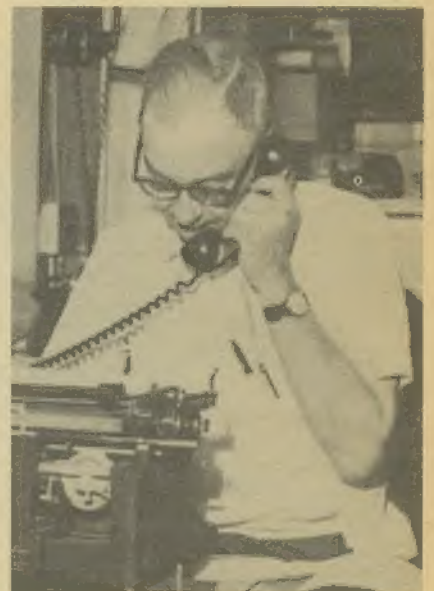
SANDY NIEDERHAUSER, general switch clerk, takes her turn on the night shift.



LARRY QUIGLEY, jumbo clerk, and Dennis Butterfield, utility clerk, are shown left to right above.



WALT HARRIS is a relief operator at Roper.



RAY EASTES is one of the "UN" operators at Roper.



AN ACTION SCENE is shown with Dennis Olsen, relief operator, left, and Chuck Lail, second trick operator.



INTERRUPTING A BUSY SCHEDULE Bert Chavez, Lynn Brown, seated, and Mark Taylor pose in the dark of night for Green Light.



ELLA HANGER is second trick "UN" operator.



RICHARD PATTERSON, left, is an outbound clerk and Tony Willis is input clerk.



"CALLING ALL CREWS" is the duty J. H. Combs shares with other crew callers.



A. C. PEHRSON, left, and Dick Williams are responsible in calling crews for their assignments.



A. C. MAYFIELD is division car distributor.

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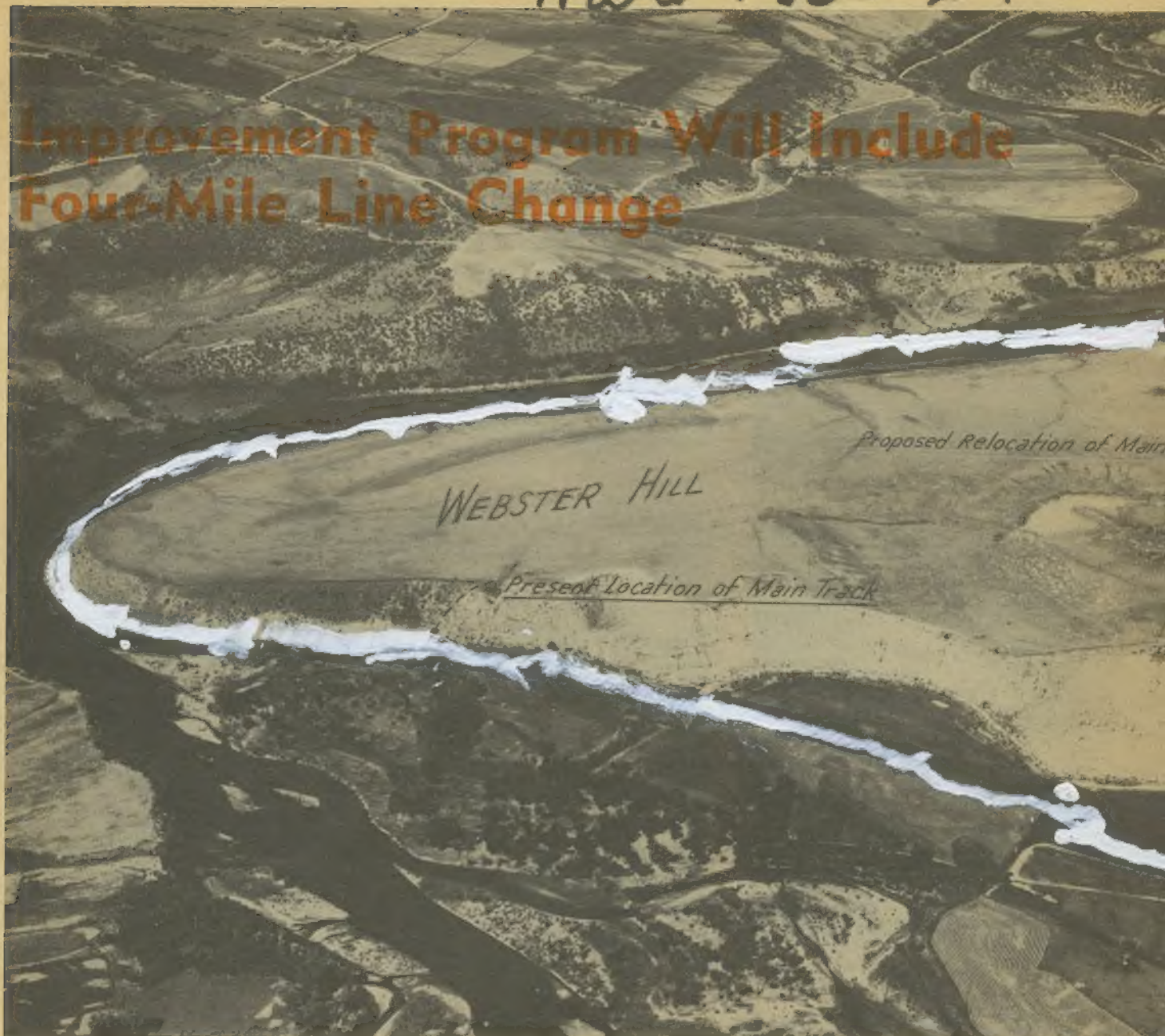


ED ABERTON is division locomotive foreman.



ROY DAVIS, assistant yardmaster, is giving instructions to yard crews.

## Improvement Program Will Include Four-Mile Line Change



THE AERIAL PHOTO ABOVE is looking west towards Grand Valley. The Rio Grande Railroad follows the Colorado River from the top of the photo around Webster Hill

Rio Grande's short fast train concept is taking another step in improving running time in western Colorado.

Included in the \$3-million improvement program recently announced by company officials is the million-dollar Webster Hill line change located between Rifle and Grand Valley. This area has long been a source of annoyance for operating men on the Rio Grande. Webster Hill is located in the center of Rio Grande's high speed territory. Heavy braking is necessary in reducing the speed from 70 miles per hour to the 35 miles per hour speed restriction in each direction.

In order to compete effectively with other trans-continental schedules, Rio Grande officials deemed it necessary to modernize and upgrade this section of railroad. Construction of a cut through the hill

to the lower right hand where it continues to Rifle. The proposed line change is shown by a dotted white line south of the old highway which is used at present as an access road. The proposed line change will be a gentle reverse

will eliminate the slow speed restriction. With increased speeds and heavier loads on today's trains, the Webster Hill line change is a major step in the continuing program the Rio Grande has in keeping its physical plant up-to-date.

Work is scheduled to start in early spring requiring approximately six to eight months to complete. The line change is located between milepost 391.10 and 395.12. Right of way has been purchased and surveying crews will soon be working.

The railroad parallels the Colorado River around Webster Hill for a total of 4.02 miles. The proposed line change between points will be 2.69 miles reducing the mileage by 1.33 miles.

Curves will be reduced at each end of the line change allowing for high speed running. The cut through the hill will be 4,000 feet long, and will be



## "Red" Davies Retires

By Almeda Flint

A ten-year veteran of the peach harvests, F. M. "Red" Davies, Palisade agent, has applied for his annuity.

Red began his railroad career in 1916 with the Santa Fe in their accounting office, later transferring to telegrapher. He joined the Rio Grande in 1936 as a telegrapher at Thompson. His first agency assignment was at Cisco but he later reverted to the extra board in order to take advantage of some of the more lucrative seasonal vacancies. In 1958



he bid in the Palisade agency, a position he held up to his retirement.

Red had a passion for the agency at Palisade as it required an accuracy in the billing of the fruit, the way it was handled to avoid claims and the hurry, hurry that goes with the seasonal fruit rush.

Although being in ill health the past few years, Red has seen to it that the Rio Grande would not suffer and has been a loyal employee. His reply to a request for comments was, "I just wish I could start all over again and be able to work with the same nice bunch of railroaders that I have known on the Grand Junction Division."

Now that he is home where he can quietly recuperate while Mrs. Davies' good home cooking nourishes him to better health, a pleasant retirement is the vital wish of all who have known Red. We know he will be missed at peach season next year.

(Cheedle Photo)

curve through the hill and will shorten the distance between the two points by 1.33 miles. Construction will begin in the spring of 1969.

125 feet at the deepest point. Material removed from the cut will be used in making the fill at each end. The decrease in distance between the two points will make it possible to eliminate the Lucy siding at the east side of Webster Hill.

Operation over the new line will result in safer movement, better and faster train handling along with reducing track and roadway maintenance.

Other improvements included in the coming program are the installation of heavier rail of sections of the Aspen and Sunnyside branches will be upgraded with 115 pound rail. The new rail projects will account for over one-million dollars. Culverts, bridges, tunnels, yards, signal systems, communications and miscellaneous will account for the remainder of the \$3,296,000 improvement program.

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## Counting Sheep Counts

The old nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" almost applies on the new Webster Hill line change for the Rio Grande.

Clough Cattle and Sheep Ranch, owned by William F. Clough, is the site where Rio Grande's new line change will be. The ranch is anticipating a large lambing season in the spring of 1969. The area has been used in running sheep for a number of years.

The Rio Grande representatives approached Clough in negotiating the sale of the required land for the new line change. During the proceedings, the question of disturbing the sheep during lambing season was one of the points of concern. It seems if the ewes are disturbed at that time losses of lambs could be extensive.

When the agreement was finally signed for the purchase of the property, a clause, which is unique in railroad dealings, was written into the contract. Construction would not begin until after the lambing season.

Mary may have had a lamb that followed her to school, but the Rio Grande is reversing the situation and following the little lambs.

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## The "Ice Man" Goeth

Sid Vitry, assistant to Western Traffic Manager, ART Company, will retire Nov. 1.

Sid began his railroad career in 1918 as a call boy on the Colorado and Southern Railroad at Denver. He



**Vitry**

worked up through various positions until an opening occurred in the ART Company. He left the C&S with 18 years service.

The ART Company is located in the Rio Grande offices and Sid has been a close relative ever since, joining in the activities with the Grande people.

Many changes have occurred in the refrigeration process on the railroad and Sid has adapted himself to each change keeping pace with the times.

Sid and his wife have a cabin at Rollinsville and as for future activities he plans to play it "cool" and enjoy life.

He won't lose contact entirely with the Rio Grande as his son, Mark, an employe in the Freight Claims Dept. at Denver, is at present serving his country at Lackland AFB, Tex.

All the Rio Grande employes who know Sid will miss him and wish the best of luck for the future.

## Provo Chief Clerk Dies

Harold S. Morrison, chief clerk at Provo freight office, passed away Aug. 13 resulting from a sudden heart attack. Morrison was 70.

He began his railroad career as a station helper at Richfield in 1920 where he spent his early childhood. He held various positions on the Marysvale Branch before moving to Helper, Provo and Geneva. He was assigned the chief clerk's position at Provo in 1967. Harold was a fine and highly respected railroader and will be missed at Provo.

Survivors include his widow, Myrle, a son, Howard, a daughter, Carol Facer, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Salt Lake Vets Club

By F. C. Krauth

The Salt Lake Vets Club would like to thank the Grand Junction club for the wonderful time at the convention. They certainly know how to make everyone welcome and it was appreciated.

The Salt Lake Club will be the host next year and we are looking forward to having another fine convention.

Two more parties are in store for the Salt Lake Vets Club this year.

The Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be held at Carpenters Hall, Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

The Nineteenth Annual Christmas Party will be held Dec. 16 at Carpenters Hall, at 6:30 p.m.

The officers and board members are hoping for a large turnout at both events.

For the information of all club members, we are pleased to report C. L. Crawford, president of the Salt Lake Club, is recovering from his ailment which has caused him to miss the recent convention.

*Did you hear about the teenager who spent two years trying to find himself?*

*He got a haircut and there he was.*

## Granby Agent Retires

James F. Good retired as station agent at Granby on Aug. 31.

Good began his railroad career in 1919 on the StL-SF as an agent-telegrapher, a position he held on the GTW, TNO and the MoPac before joining the Denver and Salt Lake Railroad in 1934 as a telegrapher.

He was transferred to Hot Sulphur Springs in 1942 as agent where he served two years before moving to Yampa as agent-telegrapher at the time the area was active with lettuce, spinach, lumber and livestock shipments.

For the past 13 years, Good has been agent at Granby where he was active in civic affairs of the community. His wife, Irene, served on the church board of the Community Church as well as being a Sunday School teacher and was active in the community's women organizations.

Present plans call for them to sell their home at Granby and make their home at Denver. James is an ardent baseball and football fan, loves to fish, play bridge and just enjoy the beautiful Colorado scenery.

The community of Granby will miss James at the railroad station and best wishes go with him in his retirement for enjoyment and good health.

## Wife's Affidavit

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize my husband to work without wearing goggles, safety shoes, hard hat, or any other safety equipment and hereby promise that I will, without complaint, perform the following duties in case he is blinded or crippled:

- ☐ Lead him wherever he wants to go.
- ☐ Help him dress and eat.
- ☐ Describe the scenery to him on our vacations.
- ☐ Read to him instead of watching television.
- ☐ Describe the way the children's eyes light up at Christmas time and what their graduations and weddings are like.
- ☐ Teach him to do housework so I can get a job to support our family.
- ☐ Do all the work around the yard and garage that he used to do.
- ☐ Teach our little boy how to play ball, build model airplanes, fish and hunt.

(Signed \_\_\_\_\_)

(Wife)

# Moving Up With The Rio Grande

Emile J. Buteau  
Chad R. Chesnut  
Roy D. Combs  
John C. Dyet  
Terry L. Eno  
Orlando Miera  
Charles R. Naysmith  
Gordon L. Openshaw  
Donald C. Orris  
Jack L. Patterson  
Dean H. Pitts  
William M. Smith  
L. Pat Wood

Office Manager, Chicago  
Field Engineer, Utah Div'n., Salt Lake  
Engineer Cost Control, Eng. Dept., Denver  
Terminal Supervisor, Roper  
Engineering Asst., Colo. Div'n., Denver  
Chainman, Utah Div'n., Salt Lake  
Rodman, Colo. Div'n., Denver  
Terminal Supervisor, Roper  
Asst. Market Director—Fuels, Denver  
Office Manager, Stockton  
Office Engineer, Utah Div'n., Salt Lake  
Supervisor Equip Control TOFC, Traffic, Denver  
Asst. to Director TOFC, Traffic, Denver

## Engineer Retires

By F. A. Jeffers

Another fine Rio Grande locomotive engineer with a long record of faithful service retired Sept. 7.

Lawrence J. Smith hired out as a fireman on the old Third Division at Gunnison on Dec. 2, 1917. He saw service on the old colorful and history packed branches, Crested Butte, Baldwin, Lake City as well as the old narrow gauge main line between Gunnison, Montrose and Ouray, part of which is now covered by the waters of the Morrow Point Dam on the Gunnison River. For a time he was assigned to helper service at Cimarron which is where the dam now stands.

When the narrow gauge was abandoned, he transferred to Grand Junction where he worked 23 years running east. During that time he earned the reputation of having operated every class of engine owned by the Rio Grande during the past 50 years.

The latter part of his career Smitty had the lucrative south end run from Somerset, Paonia, Delta, Montrose and Ridgway.

His hobby through the years has built a reputation for him as a talented gunsmith.

His fellow employees had refreshments and a gift to wish Smitty well in the rest he has earned and a wish for many years of contentment and happiness.

## Suggestions

The following suggestion was adopted. Identification stub should be mailed to the Personnel Office.

17057—Build a turbo stand

Suggestions received to date and being discussed.

17063	19312	19929	21349
17068	19743	20541	22127
19203	19919	21322	22136

Suggestions for various reasons not adopted. Employee is urged to send in identification stub for reason.

17059	19187	21324	21356
17061	20543	21355	21357
19003			22106

Last month's cash award went to: James C. Harrower, Machinist, Burnham.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT

When sick or hurt, members of the Hospital Assn. should call 623-8443 in Denver; 243-3545 in Grand Junction. 364-3591 in Salt Lake City, night or day. In other towns, call a Staff Doctor, directly The Hospital Assn. Pharmacy number in Denver is 623-4981. Dependents, Spouses and Widows of deceased members may purchase drugs for the same price as a member of the Hospital Assn. Association Ambulance Service is provided. Association members by Roche Ambulance 292-2348. Keep this number near your phone. Hospital Admissions can be listed here only if they are received from the Hospitals.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, DENVER—Mamie J. Boothroyd, Lyle L. Carlenson, Jose M. Crespin, Georgia G. Davis, Mary E. Estes, Herbert R. Fenn, Ernest Flowers, George Horst, Leon B. Keller, Donald J. Lindberg, Lewis Middleton, Kumajiro Nitta, Emil A. Ress, Edward R. Stewart, Lytleton F. Wilson, Fletcher J. Norton.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, COLORADO SPRINGS—John Weaver.

MERCY HOSPITAL, DURANGO—Hulle W. Blackstone.

PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER, DENVER—Henrietta N. Herrick, Lyon J. Woodruff.

GENERAL ROSE HOSPITAL, DENVER—Frank H. Dawson, Wallace F. Ford, Vivian Wm Herzog.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, GRAND JUNCTION—William G. Baylis, Clyde E. Bottorff, Curtis Franklin, Marlon H. Johnson, Edgar W. Marshall, Thomas P. White.

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, SALT LAKE CITY—John W. Campbell, Steve Dalton, Gary Fowler, Bob Frakes, Edward Garcia, Marcos Hernandez, Edwin J. Madsen, Bernice E. Patterson, Thomas Sandoval, Herman O. Peery, Kathryn B. Tucker, Albert L. Vom Feld, Ethel C. Walker, Samuel Carter, Louis Espinoza, Elmer J. Herrera, Frank Miller, Hershel T. Frough, Jesus A. Ayala.

## Retired Agent Dies

Roger M. Felt, retired Rio Grande agent at Heber, passed away Sept. 11 after a lengthy illness.

Felt, a member of the LDS Church, joined the Rio Grande at Cuprum as a day engineer in 1916. He held positions in many of Rio Grande's stations in Utah and was transferred to Heber as agent in 1941 where he remained until his retirement in 1967.

He was a member of the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce at Heber.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret, a son and a daughter, two grandchildren and five sisters.

## News About Grande People

### RETIREMENTS

By Ann Eckberg

Name	City	Occupation	Age	Aggregate Years of Service	Date of Annuity
Arnold, Lester J.	Salt Lake City	Clerk	63	32	8-14-68
Bennett, Peter F.	Grand Junction	Conductor	68	42	8-27-68
Bluck, Reinhardt E.	Salt Lake City	Switchman	65	40	6-3-68
Brown, John S.	Salt Lake City	Conductor	70	51	8-6-68
Cone, Edmund	Salt Lake City	Assistant Cashier	66	51	8-10-68
Cramer, Clark W.	Price	Clerk	68	45	8- -68
Graham, Jesse E.	Portland	Switchman	63	45	8- -68
Gutierrez, Antonio L.	Alamosa	Trucker	56	37	4-24-67
Haws, John M.	Ogden	Switchman	65	43	7-6-68
Hudson, Forrest R.	Denver	Locomotive Engineer	67	32	5-21-68
John, Ervin O.	Grand Junction	Machinist	65	37	8-1-68
Moore, Arthur L.	Grand Junction	Conductor	66	46	8-27-68
Mordue, Fred J.	Springville	Truck Driver	65	35	8-1-68
Pearson, Joseph G.	Colorado Springs	Switchman	73	52	8-1-68
Phillips, Carl	Denver	Carman	65	45	8-7-68
Rhodes, Max E.	Salt Lake City	Conductor	68	43	8-15-68
Sims, Clifford E.	Denver	Waiter	70	32	8-17-68
Snyder, Lawrence J.	Denver	Engineer of Capital Expenditures	63	42	9-1-68
Wells, Daniel L.	Pueblo	Locomotive Engineer	65	50	8-2-68

### LOSSES

By Betty Hancock

Name	City	Occupation	Age	Date of Death	Aggregate Years of Service	Date of Annuity
Anguiano, Jesus	Denver	Sec. Laborer	80	8-19-68	39	3-5-60
Daley, Charles L.	Provo	Brakeman	89	8-15-68	39	12-21-44
Felt, Roger M.	Heber	Agent	71	9-11-68	45	12-29-67
Johnson, Larrel P.	Denver	Relief Clerk	23	9-8-68	2	In Service
Manzaneres, Jake J.	Salida	B&B Foreman	28	9-3-68	5	In Service
Miller, Charles D.	Salt Lake City	Terminal Supervisor	59	8-14-68	20	In Service
Morandy, Dave C.	Salt Lake City	Conductor	50	10-1-68	28	In Service
Peay, Vern	Provo	Carman	77	8-19-68	35	2-7-57
Pitcher, LeRoy E.	Pueblo	Boilermaker	75	8-30-68	33	7-23-55
Wilkerson, John M.	Grand Junction	Fireman	59	9-29-68	25	In Service
Wissmath, Henry A.	Sunnyvale, Calif.	Car Clerk	84	8- -68	44	1-16-49

## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

We are sorry to report the following sad news. Gary Everett's wife passed away after a long illness; Roger Felt, Heber agent, also passed away; D. B. Bringham lost his mother recently and Louis Rasmussen, retired car dept. employe, passed away. Our sincere condolences to the families of the above.

Joe Nelson, Sigurd agent, is vacationing on the golf course.

The Provo Vets honored Fred Mordue with a large turn out recently when he retired. A pot luck dinner was served and a card game was enjoyed after the dinner. Fred was presented with a power drill as a parting gift from his fellow employes.

Congratulations to Fred Simons, retired section foreman, on his recent wedding.

Cecil Rodebeck, son of the Vern Rodebeck's, is in the hospital due to a heart attack. Mrs. Bob Pace is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital. Son, David, after suffering a leg injury, is also recuperating at home.

Congratulations to the Sherl Jacksons whose home was blessed with a new arrival.

O. E. Swanson and wife visited with their son and daughter while on vacation. They are also harvesting a good yield on their melon crop at Green River.

News from our service men: Sp/4 Larry Craig Higginson, Nephi, nephew of the Yates family was killed in action in Vietnam. Our sincere condolences to them.

Word has just been received that Blaine Shepherd was killed in action in Vietnam while serving as a crewman on a helicopter. Sincere condolences to Franklin and his wife.

## Helper Vets Club

Coming Events for the Helper Vets Club No. 2

**Rio Grande Day** will be held on Nov. 9th at the LaSalle Club. Turkey dinner will be served at 7.00 p.m. This will be an apron and overall affair. Tickets are on sale by the members of the club and ladies' auxiliary. Reservations must be made by Oct. 30.

**The Christmas Party** will be held Dec. 15 at the Helper Civic Auditorium. Santa Claus has been notified.

**New Year's Party** will be held Dec. 31 at the Helper Civic Auditorium by reservation only. The Melody Four will provide the music for the dance. Make your reservation early to avoid disappointment.

## Burnham Notes

### Car Shop

By C. C. Craig

Congratulations to the Robert Scherrers who are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sept. 28.

John Elio resigned as a carman apprentice to take up a career with the Denver Fire Department.

George Hawkins and Bob Bardeau are on the sick list. Hope they will be back to work soon.

Recent visitors during the month were E. R. Jones, James Partney and Art Southwell.

### Lab & Store Depts.

By Jean Gustafson

Sympathies and regrets are extended to the family of George Cameron, former Rio Grande employe, who passed away suddenly at the very young age of forty-three.

William H. Moeller, clerk, Store Dept., and wife enjoyed a vacation trip to Lake Tahoe in the company of the Ed Ramseys. Ed is a clerk in the Store Dept.

The World Series games have enticed Donald Rogers, water chemist, and William Spear, chemist, to schedule their vacations during this exciting period. Hope they are betting on the right team.

Many abandoned railroad grades are becoming popular for families who like to get off the "beaten path" for automobile trips. If you don't believe your conventional auto can transverse these grades, just talk to Ron Schilp, lab technician.

Ron and wife, Helen, drove their Mustang up the South Park grade from the west side to Alpine Pass station. This traverses the famous Paliades and terminates at Alpine Tunnel. They also joined the convoy of 4-wheel drive and conventional autos over Rollins Pass, driving the old Moffat grades. This convoy was sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Model Railroaders Association.

On a "ghost town" exploration trip, the Schilps drove the east side of the old South Park grade from Nathrop to St. Elmo and Romley terminating at Hancock. They had the company of the Maverick Ghost Town Club on this journey. They returned via the Colorado Midland route for eleven miles between Buena Vista and Leadville.

### Shop Filings

By Elmer Schaefer

The best retirement years that can be arranged are extended to Clarence Rock, machinist helper, after 28 years of service.

Hugh Shortridge vacationed at Minot, S. D., with his son and toured

five rainy days in Canada.

Herb Zeitz, retired machinist, was a recent shop visitor.

A life of happiness is extended to John and Barbara Dougherty, who were married at Applewood Methodist Church, July 27. They honeymooned at Aspen and Snowmass. John is a machinist helper and the son of Sam Dougherty, road foreman of equipment.

I. R. Honish and wife vacationed with their neighbors at Mesa Verde National Park.

K. C. Flansberg and family spent vacation time in Colorado around old abandoned railroad yards, shops and roadbeds. This hobby is very interesting and rewarding.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Frank Clawdus in the recent loss of his wife.

Jay Chapman, Nick Dominico, Robert Simms, Ed Newell and E. J. Schaefer visited with Adam and Irene Bronish picking fruit in their orchard near Bowie, Colo.

Herman Cordry and Frank Cummings spent a recent week-end viewing the Indian Paint Mines southeast of Calhan, Colo. They found artifacts, agates, jasper, fine crystals of quartz along with the various colors of paints used by the Indians. They also looked in awesome wonder on the tall "Hoo Doo" standing in the formation of the mines.

## Denver Vets News

By Esther Loibl

All enjoyed the potluck dinner at the September meeting. The next potluck dinner will be held in February.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 17 and will be a Hard Times party with prizes and refreshments.

A large crowd boarded the train for the convention held at Grand Junction. There was much gaiety on the train as the car was filled with club members. The scenery was beautiful as mother nature was at her best.

The Bromushs were on hand to meet the train and arrange for transportation to the motels and hotels. The dinner-dance at Cafe Caravan was an enjoyable affair. The breakfast on Sunday morning would be hard to beat. Hats off to the host and hostess at Grand Junction for a wonderful time.

Mamie Boothroyd is now home from the hospital. There is no report on the Lockharts, but they were missed at the meeting.

Sincere sympathy to Mae Albert, who lost her husband, George, Aug. 24.

Don't forget to wear your cast-offs at the next meeting. There will be prizes for the best costume and the one who is having the hardest time. Oct. 17 is the date.

## Salida Comments

By Maribee\*

E. W. "Frosty" Clare likes to pilot engines over Tennessee Pass, but when it comes to personal travel, he wants to ride with a pilot. He recently took his ten-year old granddaughter, Norma Ann, to Seattle, Wash. for her first plane trip.

They spent three weeks visiting his sister, Florence Holmes, and brother, Durwood. The highlight of the trip was a tour through the Boeing Aircraft plant where they saw the Boeing 747, a giant computerized jetliner, before it was unveiled to the public.

This swept-wing superjet, costing \$20 million, can carry 490 passengers.

Frosty and his niece also visited Victoria, B.C. His thumbnail description of the trip: "I saw more in six hours than I had seen in the past 65 years."

Jim Glenn, brakeman, is proud of the endurance of his son, Jim III, age

13. With only one-year's motorcycling experience, young Jim received a second place trophy for the grueling, no trail, no regular road, cross country trip from Rye to Westcliffe. Eighty-two entered the race but only 34 completed the course for the Rocky Mountain State Championship. The size of the motorcycle determined the class.

From planes and motorcycles to horses, R. J. Reed, Sr., brakeman, hopes some day to produce a Kentucky Derby threat. The baby born to the R. J. Reed's, Sept. 4, didn't call for passing out cigars, but nevertheless is a celebrity. The colt's granddaddy won the Derby in 1940, Gallahad. Grandmother of the "baby" also had royal blood.

Fifteen-year old daughter, Kathy, is a top Gymnkanas rider, having entered the state fair for the past four years. Gymnkanas combine speed with precision as the horses are guided around barrels and other obstacles.

The first horse Jim Reed ever owned was related to the great Steel Dust of Oklahoma. Reed is arena director and board member for the Riverside Saddle Club at Pueblo.

A trip to California combined a vacation as well as a silver wedding observance for the George Kurtz'.

Jack Ogden and family were saddened at the loss of their special pet, a raccoon. He disappeared from the yard one day. During his short residence at the Ogden's, he provided endless hours of amusement for the family. One of the coon's special joys was to torment the cat.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

## Pueblo

By Guida Fonda

Bob Harsch and wife, Ruby, vacationed at Boston, Mass. where they visited their daughter and family. While there they visited all the old historical sites. Bob was most impressed with "Old Ironsides."

Congratulations to the Bill Keyzers on the birth of the new baby daughter. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Congratulations are also in order to Howard Gant on his recent marriage to the former Charlotte King. They honeymooned in Illinois. We wish them a lot of success.

Our sincere sympathy to Tom Groves, brakeman, and family on the unexpected death of his brother in Ohio.

Howard "Jr" Thompson, conductor, and wife went to Ft. Worth, Texas to see their son receive his Masters Degree at T. C. U. After receiving his degree, he will be teaching at the university.

Eddie Ebrecht, switchman, suffered a heart attack recently. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bill Clawson, yardmaster, Evan Perryman, MOPAC agent at Avondale, Evan's son, Rick, and Reverend Woelfle went antelope hunting. Bill said the trip was very successful.

Bill Easton recently joined Masonic Lodge No. 31.

Vern Sheppard and Herschel Prough are both in St. Mary Corwin Hospital recovering from back injuries. Wish them both a speedy recovery.

Happy birthday to Frank Conway, retired Rio Grande engineer, who celebrated his 95th birthday on Aug. 30. Frank began his railroad career in the Pueblo roundhouse as an engine watchman in Nov. 1897. He retired in December 1938.

## Salt Lake Freight House

By H. O. Hunger

The noon hour on Sept. 6 at the Salt Lake Freight office was the place chosen to honor Ed Cone, assistant cashier, and Hyrum Pocock, stower, who recently took their annuity. At the time of their retirement, Cone



Ed Cone and Hy Pocock

had completed 51 years of service with the Rio Grande and Pocock had 45 years.

Special guests at the luncheon were John Aberton, trainmaster, and Bud Deason, chief clerk, representing the Superintendent's office. Also present were Lewis Klumker, Ed Simmons, Mel Edmund, Bill Hilton and A. G. Bridge, all retirees. The employees of the warehouse and the freight office joined their honored guests with a delicious spaghetti and meat ball lunch prepared and served by Charlie Aiello.

Gifts from their fellow employees, John Jenkins, agent, doing the honors, presented Ed with a sleeping bag, air mattress and pump while Hy received a beautiful cameo ring.

Ed plans to try out his new gifts by doing some camping and travelling in the next few years. Hy expects to spend a lot of time fishing.

The many friends of Ed and Hy wished them hearty congratulations on their retirement and luck and success in all they do.

## Ogden Vets News

The Ogden Vets Club held their annual corn bust Sept. 6 at Liberty Park. Chicken, corn and all the trimmings were on the menu.

Special guests, who had retired recently, were John Beeman, retired cashier, and Jack Haws, retired yardmaster. They were given a Polaroid camera as a retirement gift from their fellow employees.

The Ogden Club will hold its Thanksgiving Dinner Party on Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lodge, 2165 Madison Ave.

Keep this date open and make reservations with your committee.

## Ogden

By Frank Burch

Congratulations to W. O. Furniss, president of the Ogden Vets Club, who was elected president of the Rio Grande System Vets Club at the Grand Junction Convention.

Furniss and wife, Frank Burch and wife, Ogden, and Fern Boyd, Sugarhouse, attended the convention.

Thanks to the Grand Junction Club for the fine time there. Also, a big thanks to J. L. Wells, district agent, and his wife for their hospitality at Grand Junction.

Helen Willard, retired operator, reports that Tom Kelly, former operator, and his wife visited her recently. Tom, now 75, is in top shape and would like to pass his greetings to all his friends.

Ogden is now represented by a bowling team. It consists of Mike Kanderis, A. C. Anderson, Claude Combs, T. C. Christensen, Ron Gagon, Jerry Combs and Frank Burch. There is only one way for them to go and that is UP as all are new bowlers. Given time they hope to be heard from and place in the running.

## Expenditure Accounting

By Duane Bowman

Pleased to welcome back Lorella McFarland and Janice Ricketts. Both have been on sick leave.

Congratulations to Dave and Karen Collins on the arrival of their new son, Brian, on Sept. 3.

Art Ruscio exercised some little used muscles on his vacation by painting his house. Al Amen spent a week at Washington, D.C. and New York City painting the town red. He reports he did everything while on vacation.

Billie Jaquet and husband, Tom, visited relatives in Arizona and St. Louis while on vacation. The Hank Bergmans "took in" Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Tijuana on their vacation. While in California they helped celebrate Hank's mother's 84th birthday.

Hiram Hobart, retired timekeeper, and wife, Edna, were recent visitors at the office. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Sept. 24. They still make their home at Denver. Hiram was 82 on Sept. 11.

Congratulations to the Don Websters, who were the recipients of a visit from the stork on Oct. 2. The baby's name is Donald Brian.

## Car Service

By Manford Bauer

Lydia Ackles spent her vacation baby-sitting with her new grandson, Paul Richard, which is the first-born of daughter Julee and Ron Orrell.

Tom Baur, son of Manford and Teresa, returned from a 17-day vacation tour of the Hawaiian Islands. Young Baur visited friends at the University of Hawaii. He will resume his third year as a political science major at the University of Denver.

Fay and Ruth Theis enjoyed the fun and games at Las Vegas after which they headed east to visit friends at Lincoln, Neb.

Luella Turney enjoyed a week-end visit with her son, Ted Johnson, who flew in from Washington, D. C.

## From the Top

By Irene Vogel

The two most common topics of conversation at the moment are Francine, of Wall Street, N. Y., and the World Series. Other news is as follows:

Rosemary Wiemeyer and friends test-ran her new car to Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque during her recent vacation.

John Freyer, Jr. enrolled as a freshman on the West Campus of Colorado Mountain College at Glenwood Springs this fall. He is the son of John, Sr., in the Executive Dept.

Jim Love has two sons enrolled at the Colorado School of Mines. One is a freshman and the other a senior. Jim has been accused of influencing his sons as that is his alma mater.

## General Office News

There is a fascinating game of musical chairs going on: Millie Green has been taking Helen Broderick's place while she and hubby, Ed, are vacationing at Las Vegas and other spas; Bea Brown, formerly of Purchasing, has taken Millie's place; Mrs. Charles Shum, better known as Sara, who has worked in the Engineering Dept., is sitting in for Rosemary. We wish a rapid recovery for Rosemary, who is at Swedish Hospital undergoing surgery.

John Walker, wife and daughter have returned from a whirlwind tour which included stops in Paris, Rome, Vienna, as well as other points of personal interest. On his first day back to work, John said he had so many different impressions it would take a while to sort them out.

## Revenue Accounting

By Walter Brooks

Fletcher Norton has undergone surgery on his leg at St. Joseph's Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. Dicie Andrews has returned to the hospital for further surgery. Trust she will have a speedy recovery.

Vacation time is catching up with many employees in the department. Charles Bradford vacationed at home. Fred Putz and Curt Harris visited their old haunts at Las Vegas. Byron Brown just got away from it all with two weeks at his mountain retreat.

Alice Spohn flew to Grubbsville, Mo., where she visited with her aunts and had a very pleasant time. Ed Broderick has returned to his "second home" at Las Vegas.

Ed Hughes spent a few days at his cabin in Russel Gulch. Other vacationers include Winslow Bradford, Ralph Brown, Don Thomas and Alden Agnew.

## Communications

By Jim Chavies

Best wishes to Laurene Rahe, chief PBX operator, on her marriage to Vern Giron at Las Vegas, Aug. 22.

Les Brownell and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, Lester Craig, born at 6:35 A.M., Sept. 19. (Communications Dept. are very time-conscious-Ed.).

Bill Jeep journeyed to California and worked at home during vacation. Bob Grawey and family vacationed at Peoria, Ill., visiting his father. O. E. Miller decided to do some antelope hunting but they loped out of sight. He came home empty handed.

C. E. Jordan, who just bought a 1965 Olds Cutlass, is taking a turn dispatching at Grand Junction. George Hall bid in as second trick telegrapher at DC.

P. D. Lewis visited his son in Texas. Jim Mattingly has taken up golf. What a swinger.

Western Union has been in the communication office about two

months coordinating the east and west traffic offices with the computer.

## Personnel

By Betty Hancock

Condolences to Iva Andrews in the recent death of her brother at Ranier, Wash. Iva attended the services.

Norville Cox and wife vacationed in the Black Hills and Bad Lands of South Dakota. They enjoyed seeing Mt. Rushmore Memorial.

Betty Hancock was called to Utah due to the sudden death of her mother. Sincere sympathy is extended to her and the family.

Ann Eckberg attended the annual Pass Meeting at Chicago. Ann's sister, Judith Williams, from Santa Ana, Calif., is visiting with her.

## Traffic

By Bob Hulstrom

Congratulations to Charles "Mac" McCaffrey, who celebrated his 50th anniversary with the railroad.

Winston Holland, who has served in various capacities in the Denver Traffic Club, has been elected to the board of directors of the club. In this capacity he will be able to further the interests of the Rio Grande. Congratulations, Winston!

## Two Clerks Retire

By Walter Brooks

Two clerks in the Revenue Accounting Department retired Sept. 30.

Charles Shannon, born and raised in Denver, joined the Rio Grande in DC&H Dept. in 1924. In 1931, during the lean years of the depression, he worked for the National Park Service. He returned to the Rio Grande in 1943 as a clerk in Freight Accounting at Denver.

Charles and his wife are travelers and have enjoyed many trips around the country. The new Dodge Dart they just purchased will aid them in their adventures of traveling.

Charles is interested in Senior Citizens activities and his hobby is wood-working. He leaves with the best of luck from his co-workers.

Sturgis Smith has completed a long cycle and an eventful career in various activities.

Sturgis, born in Illinois, came to Colorado in 1937. He was in the retail shoe business. He saw service with the troops overseas in World War I and when WW II came along, he became a civilian instructor at Lowry and Buckley Fields near Denver.

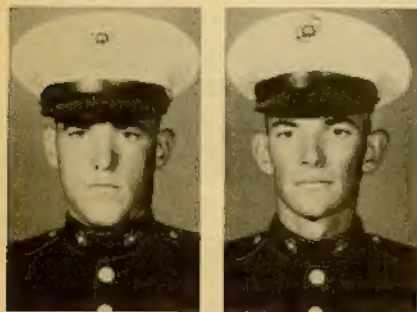
He came to the Rio Grande in 1945 as a clerk in the Freight Accounting Dept. His retirement completes a career with many memories of his activities.

Sturgis is a collector and the hobby is collecting fifty-cent pieces. As a going away gift he was presented a large brandy type snifter with 50-cent coins as the contents.

## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

The two sons of C. E. "Ebby" and Earlene Freeman have served in Vietnam. Cpl. Charles is to report to S.A.T.S. School at Lakehurst, N. J., after 19 months in Chu Lai and Da-Nang, South Vietnam and at Iwakuni, Japan. He has two years in National defense and has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Cpl. Douglas attended A.F.U.A. and A.Q.F. School at Memphis. He was in DaNang for 13 months where he earned the Expert Rifleman and Good Conduct Medals. In early October he is to report to his new assignment at Cherry Point, N. C. Ebby worked in various clerical positions at Grand Junction prior to his retirement in 1964. Earlene worked as a steno under former Chief Dispatcher W. M. Henderson at Grand Junction and is now secretary to the superintendent of the State Home and Training School here.



Charles

Douglas

George Beebe, who resigned as a signalman to return to college, went on a hunting trip and became lost. After many hours of searching, he was found safe, but weary and hungry. George is a nephew of Loren Beebe, signal supervisor.

T. J. Lynch, agent, and wife drove to Mountain Home, Idaho, to visit their son, Major Jerrold Lynch, judge advocate at the Air Force Base. Bill Morrow, terminal supervisor, is on vacation. Charlie Brayton, caller, is back at the grind after two weeks. Bob Stebbins, caller, is on vacation.

George Green, secretary to the trainmaster, had a restful two weeks. Ruth Anderson worked as secretary while George vacationed. George and Ione Green seem to have had luck with their car. A year ago part of George's vacation was spent having his car repaired following damage when someone backed into his car. This year before his vacation, he moved his car to a side street while the street was being resurfaced in front of the building, only to have it damaged by a hit-and-run driver.

"Chuck" Hall, former crew dispatcher and local chairman of the clerks, visited some of the offices recently. He holds the rank of Lt. Colonel and was en route to Vietnam.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Oliver Brock, crew dispatcher,

and wife who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28. They plan to return to the scene of their honeymoon at New Orleans. Oliver hopes to have reservations in the same room at the same hotel, if he can remember the number.

Frank Green, road foreman, just isn't talking about the "part" he played in the recent movie filmed at Durango. He did spend quite a bit of time there.

Apologies to the Morey Naeves at Anchorage. The September column mentioned the death of Harriett's mother in an automobile accident, but should have read Morey's mother.

Ray Cheedle has agreed to continue as Green Light photographer in this area following his retirement Sept. 30, after 43 years with the Rio Grande. (More later—Ed.) His fellow carmen honored Ray with a farewell party. Best wishes for many happy years of retirement, Ray. He won't have too many idle hours as he expects to continue his commercial photography.

Good wishes are extended to L. J. Smith, engineer, who worked south of Grand Junction. He resigned on his 70th birthday and applied for his annuity. W. R. Farmer, engineer on the California Zephyr, has taken his retirement. Farmer was on the east-bound Zephyr last Spring when the two lead units were derailed and went down the bank into the Colorado River. He miraculously escaped injury.

C. A. Zipse, engineman, is due an apology from this reporter, who erroneously said he was a first-time grandfather. He informs us that this grandfather business is "old hat" to him as he has three grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to J. W. Leech, trainman, whose wife passed away Oct. 2, and to the family of John Wilkerson, engineman, who passed away Sept. 29 after seven months' illness.

## North Yard

By Cathryn Hedges

Pleased to report Roy Fenn is now able to have visitors at St. Joseph's Hospital. He is in room 362.

D. P. Scott, terminal supervisor, stopped in at the yard office and looks real good. He expects to be back to work some time this month.

Jim Harrison, retired Rock Island trainmaster, also paid us a visit recently. He is still as spry as ever.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Larry Johnson family on their recent loss. R. C. Vaughn, retired engineer, passed away Sept. 29, and extend the family our condolences.

Mary Gleason is on a four-week vacation. Ladd Ryle went to St. Louis to see the World Series. He should have a report for us on the games. John Wasilkow and Leo Orteiz have been on vacation.

## Helper

By Dom Juliano

Attending the Annual Convention at Grand Junction were Ern and Lucille Gardner, Bill and Alta Flaim, Mike and Angie Fromm, George and Corrine Grivet, Harold and Edith Nielsen, Jess and Hazel Cox, Tom and Rose Migliaccio and Desmond Pedham and wife. They reported it was a great convention and all had a wonderful time.

Bob Fenn and Naze Giordano are fishing and playing golf while on vacation. Vic Rudman vacationed in the mountains with his family. Vic would like to know exactly where the elk will be on opening day as he will be there.

The Dimicks, Avon and Norma, will visit their son at Lucal City, Ore. where he is a coach. Accompanying them are the Carl Berrys and Merlene Hilton. The Berrys are the parents of Norma and Merlene is her sister.

Steve Stevens and wife, LaVone, visited their son Bob and his wife, Anna, at Pensacola, Fla. where Bob is in Naval Aviation training. They had a chance to spoil their granddaughter, Christi, who was born Aug. 30. Bob formerly worked on the Rio Grande in the Engineering and Signal Depts. while attending the University of Colorado where he received his degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Steve and LaVone returned by way of New Orleans, visited relatives in Texas and Mesa Verde National Park.

Ron, son of Max Magann, chief clerk, returned to Salt Lake where he is attending the University of Utah under the ROTC program.

Phillip Gardner has transferred to Salt Lake as a mechanical laborer. While there he plans to attend the University of Utah and earn an Engineering Degree.

Al Welland has returned to Helper as a telegrapher. He has been working at Green River and Thistle. Glad to have you back, Al.

The Van Nattas and the Matsons held a patio party welcoming the Zan Nelsons. The Nelsons lived at Clear Creek for 60 years. When the mines were shut down they moved to Helper. Eli said they didn't have a going away party at Clear Creek, so, Heinie Van Natta gave the welcoming party. (We've heard about your patio parties, Heinie—Dom.)

Mike Zamantakis and Paul Dalpaiz lucked out and returned home each with a prize elk. George Zamantakis wasn't so lucky, he returned home empty-handed. Better luck next time, George.

The Sherman Pitmans from Los Angeles were recent visitors at the home of the Bill Flaimes and the Vaughn Gulls.

John Bendetti and wife have moved to Silt, Colo.

# Vets' Convention Is a Rousing Success

Veterans Club members journeyed from all over the Rio Grande system to Grand Junction to attend the 18th Annual Convention held Sept. 28 and 29.

Over 200 vets were in attendance. A dinner-dance was held at Cafe Caravan on Saturday evening, Sept. 28. They enjoyed the excellent food, good fellowship, renewing old acquaintances and participated in the drawing for door prizes which were donated by various business firms at Grand Junction.

The following officers were elected at the business meeting for the coming year. W. O. "Toots" Furniss, president, Ogden; R. Walker Johnston, vice president east end, Grand Junction; George Grivet, vice president west end, Helper; and Fred C. Krauth was reelected secretary-treasurer, Salt Lake.

Grand Junction was designated the convention city for future conventions due to its central location. Each club will alternate in hosting the convention each year. Salt Lake will be the host club at next year's convention.

The Grand Junction Vets Club is to be commended for the excellent way they hosted a most successful meeting of fellow employees at the convention.



A SMORGASBORD DINNER was held at Cafe Caravan on Saturday evening. Some of the members attending are shown filling their plates with the delicious food.



SHADES OF YESTERYEAR as the loading platform was a busy place as the Denver Vets prepare to board the California Zephyr for the return trip home. (Convention photos by Ray Cheedle.)



SEATED AT THE HEAD TABLE from left are: Norma Jean Graham, Ken Graham, president, Grand Junction Vets Club; George Grivet and wife, Corinne, Helper; and Iva Andrews, personnel assistant, Denver. Standing are Lucille Gardner and hubby, Ern, Helper; Lee Andrews, Denver; Walker Johnston and wife, Rose, Grand Junction.



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